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THE PLAN AHEAD

THE FUTURE OF
TRANSPORTATION
BEGINS TODAY

A Public Newsletter published by the Department of Public Works and Transportation

Woodmont Avenue at Montgomery Lane **A Pedestrian Friendly Intersection**

Bethesda, Maryland provides a strong urban market for jobs, retail and housing due to its close proximity to the District of Columbia and its accessibility to public transportation.

The Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) has a capacity ceiling for employment and residential development in the 1994 Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) Sector Plan. It recommends that specific bikeway connections and pedestrian access improvements be provided for progression from Stage I to Stage II development to increase employment development capacity.

The Bethesda Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities (CIP 500119) will plan, design and implement this vision.

The Bethesda Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities (CIP 500119) will analyze specific locations throughout and within the Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) that will provide continuity to the County's overall bikeway network, improve pedestrian circulation and access, and improve transportation deficiencies at key intersections.

The first location is the intersection of Montgomery Lane and Woodmont Avenue as shown in the photo below. Presently there is an eastbound double left turn movement on Woodmont Avenue to Montgomery Lane. The proposed improvements will reduce the pavement width on the receiving leg of Montgomery Lane to increase pedestrian space and improve their safety when crossing the intersection.

This newsletter is intended to provide a brief overview of the project and to encourage you to provide official feedback via the [Project Comments Form](#).

For more information, please contact the Project Manager, Aruna K. Miller at 240-777-7194.



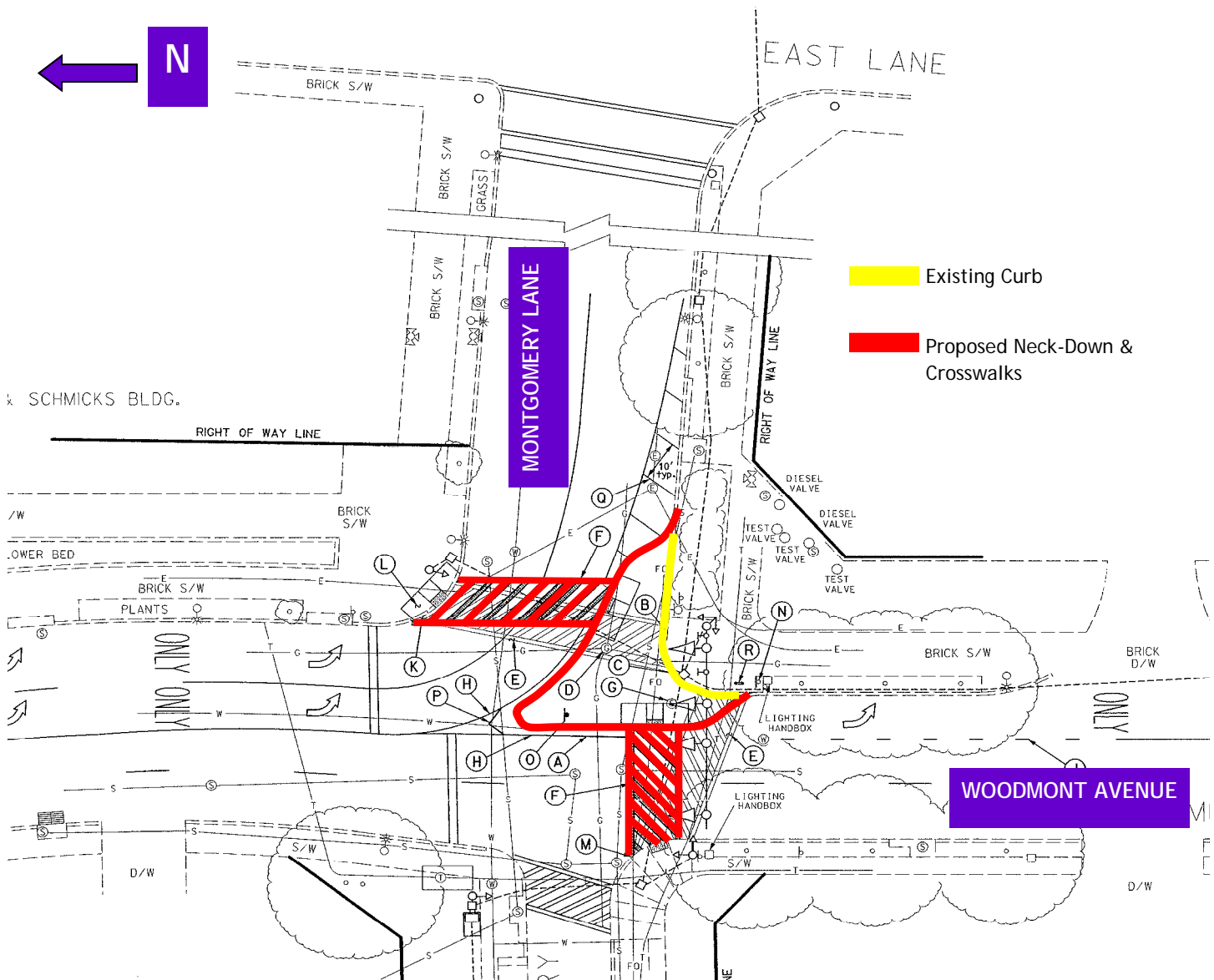
WOODMONT AVENUE AT MONTGOMERY LANE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The illustration below shows the proposed improvements as follows:

- The intersection neck-down at the southeast corner will reduce crossing distance for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Installation of pedestrian countdown traffic signals will inform pedestrians the number of seconds remaining to safely cross the intersection.
- New crosswalks will be painted to reflect and guide pedestrians to utilize the decreased walking distance to cross the intersection.



Enhancing pedestrian and cyclists access through-out Bethesda will improve overall safety.





PROJECT SCHEDULE

Woodmont Avenue at Montgomery Lane

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004
Deadline for returning Project
Comments Form.



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-5, 2004
Comments will be reviewed by
project team, and revisions will
be made as necessary. Postcard
will be mailed alerting you to
the tentative date of
construction.



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-12, 2004
Weather permitting, tentative
week for construction to begin.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q : Who receives this newsletter?

This newsletter is mailed to those citizens, adjacent to the project, whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System's (GIS) data base. We apologize if you did not receive a newsletter. Please contact Ms. Marsha Wheeler-Christ at 240-777-6174 to have your name added to the Woodmont Avenue/Montgomery Lane project mailing list.

Q : Do I have to complete the Project Comments Form?

DPWT always encourages the public to offer comments to help us to better serve your needs. The Newsletter, *The Plan Ahead*, along with the Project Comments Form is intended to share information about the project and provide an opportunity to share your concerns. DPWT highly encourages you to provide your comments on the postage-paid Project Comments Form for it allows our staff to document the community's concerns. However, you may also contact the Project Manager:

Aruna Miller
PHONE: 240-777-7194
FAX: 240-777-7277
aruna.miller@montgomerycountymd.gov

Q : What happens after you receive my Project Comments Form?

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the project team evaluates your remarks. The team will de-

termine whether or not, if any, revisions are necessary. However, due to the high volume of comments we receive, we will not be able to respond directly to all feedback.

Q : Who is on the project team?

The project team includes representatives from various agencies whose skills and disciplines can best provide technical input to the overall quality of the project. In addition to DPWT's staff (including Gail Tait-Nouri, Bikeways Program Manager), the following individuals represent the Woodmont Avenue/Montgomery Lane project team:

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

- Chuck Kines, County-Wide Transportation Planning
- Marilyn Clemens, Community Based Planning

Bethesda Urban Partnership

- Dave Dabney
- Jeff Burton

Bethesda Chevy Chase Services Center

- Deborah Snead, Director

Bethesda Transportation Solutions

- Francine Waters

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Look What's New At DPWT... Meet Our New Director, Art Holmes, Jr.

DPWT employs over 1,500 staff who are dedicated to providing county residents with a variety of services.

With the recent retirement of DPWT's Director, Albert Genetti, Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan selected Arthur Holmes, Jr. as the new Director. The appointment of Mr. Holmes was confirmed by the County Council on October 12, 2004.

Arthur Holmes, Jr., Major General, U.S. Army (Retired) graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree (Chemistry) from Hampton Institute (University). He subsequently received a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) from Kent State (Ohio) University.



Department of Public Works &
Transportation's Director,
Art Holmes, Jr.

In addition to his Go Montgomery! and Montgomery County Planning Board experience, Mr. Holmes served for eight years as Vice-President of Logistics Applications and then President and CEO of the Automated Sciences Group, Inc. -- a Silver Spring-based high-tech corporation with 300 computer scientists and engineers and an average annual revenue of \$28 million.

He also serves on the boards of the NAACP, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation, Leadership Montgomery Foundation and the Olney Theater.

He and his wife, Wilma, have four children and six grandchildren and they reside in Olney, Maryland.